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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. *(Currently amended)* A granular detergent composition having a homogeneity number, HN, as defined by the equation:

$$HN = X_{bulk}/X_{part}$$

where X_{bulk} is the ratio of the concentration of a surfactant in the particle with the lowest level of said surfactant to the concentration of said surfactant in the particle with the highest level of said surfactant and X_{part} is the ratio of the concentration of a discrete volume of a particle with the lowest level of said surfactant to the concentration of the discrete volume of the same particle with the highest level of said surfactant, of less than ~~about~~ 0.5 or greater than ~~about~~ 1, said ~~composition~~ ~~compositions~~ having a particle circularity of less than ~~about~~ 23, with an aspect ratio less than ~~about~~ 2 and a product of the circularity times the aspect ratio of less than ~~about~~ 30.

Claim 2. *(Cancelled)*

Claim 3. *(Currently amended)* The detergent composition as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said homogeneity number is greater than ~~about~~ 1.25.

Claim 4. *(Previously presented)* The detergent composition as claimed in Claim 1 wherein at least about 50% by weight of particles have a geometric mean particle diameter of from about 400 microns to about 1500 microns with a geometric standard deviation of from about 1 to about 2, wherein at least a portion of said particles contain said surfactant and a detergent builder.

Claim 5. *(Original)* The granular detergent composition of claim 4 wherein said particles comprise at least about 75% by weight of said detergent composition.

Claim 6. *(Original)* The granular detergent composition of claim 4 wherein the geometric standard deviation is from about 1.0 to about 1.7.

Claim 7. *(Cancel)*

Claim 8. *(Original)* The granular detergent composition of claim 4 wherein said particles comprise at least about 90% by weight of said detergent composition.

Claims 9-18. *(Cancelled)*